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THE OLD AND THE NEW;

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NARY SOCIETY, on FRIDAY EVENING, De mber 21, 1877, at 8 o'clock, MMSSION, 25 CENTS. Fickets for sale at the bookstores, A. PIZZINI, 'S. G. A. HUNDLEY &CO.'S. W. G. DANDRIDGE'S,

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RICHMOND, VA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 20, 1877.

Richmond Dispatch.

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 20, 1877.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, northeast to outheast winds, increasing cloudiness and possibly light rains, falling barometer and stationary temperature will prevail.

For the West Gulf States, southeast winds, stationary or higher temperature, falling barometer, cloudy or rainy weather. For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, southwest winds, slightly warmer, partly cloudy and rainy weather, with falling barometer. For the Middle Atlantic and New England States, warmer southeast to southwest winds, falling barometer, cloudy and rainy weather.

The temperature will continue above freezing in the canal regions of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Cautionary signals are ordered for Indianola, Galveston, and Key West.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was clear, cool, and pleasant.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 40; A. M., 48; noon, 54; 3 P. M., 57; 6 P. M., 51; midnight, 48.

Christmas.

The time for preparation is nearly exhausted. To-morrow winds it up. Those and glass-store to look for presents have no who are not ready by that time would as idea of the number and variety of articles well let the affair alone, unless, indeed, they there to be found suited for Christmas pre-7th and 28th instant, at S c'clock, for the benefit are uncommonly adroit and active. We certainly trust that all may be prepared, and that the humblest cottage and Broad streets.-Here you get the fancy may have the cheerful rays of a bright goods, and toilet sets, and the perfumery, fire and something good to occasion a smile and also the gelatine and isinglass for the even in faces saddened by misfortune. Nobody ought to be allowed to pass Christ- how many pretty and fragrant articles are mas day without at least a cheerful incident, a single drop of comfort, to blend with the else than medicine, which smells not good drops of sorrow that may weep from the and tastes not pleasant. But, then, medi-

eyes of affliction. The season has been uncommonly mild and brilliant. Were there ever serener days about this time; were there ever more | the festive season. brilliant moons than we have at night? It is a fine season for the happiest anniversary in the world, and if we are not in the best of conditions to enjoy it, it is so beneficent in its inspirations that we should think it going in the grocery line. He invites the happier to even those who need the solaces it brings than to those who need nothing that the world can give them. It is the divine anniversary that is meant for all man- The man who gets a Christmas outfit from kind, and it would be unfortunate, indeed, if it did not gladden all.

comfort and convenience :

ZETELLE-THE CAFE-Main between Ninth and Tenth streets .- This is a house of which Richmond may be proud. The kitchen, the salons, the bar, all are upon the plan of perfection. The viands are of the best quality, and represent all sections of the Union and the different quarters of the globe. The bar is fortified by the choicest and most popular liquors and wines. It is a treat to see the chef, Zetelle, in the cuisine commanding those who handle the battery; but it is a joy to the lover of good eating to partake of the wonderful dishes which the greatest cook in America will bring forth from the "batteries" served under his direction. For oysters, terrapins, and wild

game, go and try them. This is all true, and any judges of good living who will visit the Cafe will find us right. The tables are always admirably spread and faithfully attended. Zetelle comes from the realms of genius. Born in a Grecian island of classic fame, which now belongs to England, he was inspired with the ambition of the ancient Greeks and ran rapidly up to the championship of the profession he adopted. He is the proudest of men when he presents for admiration one of | ington street, and has purchased in fee for his artistic and delicious dishes. And he is so genial and happy. Such a Christmas as lots, fronting 100 feet on Monument street by 240 feet on Washington street, a new and his exquisite dishes will be a remem-

bered event to all who partake of it.

CARDOZO, FOURQUREAN & Co.-This is a well-known and popular fashionable dry \$7,000. The church and parsonage will be goods store. It is opposite the post-office, but so famous that a man may readily find the post-office by being told that it is opposite Cardozo, Fourqurean & Co.'s. In all the on Washington street, to be used as a chapel departments of fashionable ladies' dresses and trimmings, and ornamentations, these gentlemen have the most comprehensive and most popular textures and dyes. The is designed to serve conveniently. It is beauty of their assortments tends to cultivate extravagance; for the dear ladies cannot Catholic church in South Baltimore. - Baltirestrain themselves to limited patterns of such charming goods. This is one of the reasons why the cashiers of fashionable families are anxious for a change of fashions. Indeed, this store of young dry-goods fashion. It is crowded with visitors and &c., offering special rates to clubs, &c. All

sent to all parts of the city. R. FERRANDINI, Artist in Human Hair, No. | and subject the papers to the various rates 613 Broad street.-Now, Ferrandini is mas- applicable to the inclosures, which are for ter of his very ingenious art. The beautiful style in which he adorns the heads of circulars, &c., one cent for every two ounces. lovely women is wonderful. When he fin- The Department does not regard chromos, ishes one of them, then, indeed, the head engravings, photographs, or matter of like may be styled the "crowning beauty" of nature, as legitimate supplements to newsthe divinely fair one. Then the artist is papers, and the inclosing of any such in most ingenious in the hair-work which is periodical publications will subject the latcalled hair jewelry, which is so pretty, and ter to the postage which such matter is rewhich is so appropriate as mementoes of quired to pay when sent separate. the loved and cherished. Few are they who desire not such things. Ferrandini is the accomplished artist who makes them in

the most chaste and admirable style.

ANTONI, 1105 Main street .- The famed the illustrious head of the family, he who cupied by several tenants, whose losses are brought to it illustriousness had a weakness for beauty as well as sweets. He fell before E. L. Tomle, tailor, \$5,500; A. B. Loring, the charms of the Queen of Egypt, and his martial talent waned; but his genius veered into the line of the sweet and pleasant, and pants sustained loss by smoke and water. we find it blooming and snining in our con-temporary across the street. Nothing from a Zante current to a California pear; from American mint-stick to Paris candy; from Maraschino to American cider; from Paris chrystalized fruits to chocolate drops; from the dates of Asia to the bananas of South America; from oranges of Sicily to those of Florida, and from the best of all good things to those vulgar for being common, is missing upon shelves and jars of sweets and fruits at Antoni's. Cato died at Utica by his own hand, and Cæsar died in the Senate of Rome by the hands of others; even Anthony, or the elder Antoni, untimely perished; but through his successors he holds dominion over the world. We have just SEW GOODS—domestic and foreign—just received. shown that our Antoni levies contributions on the four quarters of the globe for the entertainment of his friends, and for grati-

fying dulcifluous tastes of the most inno-

cent and the most lovely classes of society.

Oughn't be to be a favorite with the children and the ladies? We are of that opin-And now, strange as it may seem, we venture to introduce a dentist amongst you. Withers will regret to learn that he is con-

defects in them to be about the feast of good things. We all wish well to others' teeth, and the reciprocal sympathy is not bad when it comes in the form of Mercer the dentist. Take care of your teeth, children, and go on grinding your food for many happy Christmases to come.

WILLIAM J. SWORDS, No. 532 Broad street.—This is a time-honored name, and represents a real old reliable house. Here are offered ladies' and gentlemen's and children's furnishings. These are just resh on hand for the Christmas holidays. D. COLUMBUS, 321 Broad street, the descendant of Christopher, and D. C. still preserves the name sweet and fragrant through his confectionery and fruits. He commends himself to popularity amongst the rising generation, who will kick us all out of the way and take the world upon their own shoulders. His toys and Christmas tricks are prized much by the fraire rulers of the hemisphere that Columbus's immortal an-

estor discovered. D. C. warns the public igainst adulterated and unhealthy candies, which are distributed to the consumers under the plea of cheapness. May Providence strengthen the determination of D. C. in his effort to protect children against this objectionable manufacture! It is an act worthy the name Columbus.

E. B. TAYLOR, 1011 Main street, opposite the post-office.-China- and Glassware.-Here we find those interesting and wonderfully chaste and lovely fabrics of china-, glass-, and other wares which have appeared in the markets in modern times. No branch of art has shown more enterprise and genius tention to the decorated dinner- and tea-sets called the "Anchor," which he says truly are quite a treat after the long sameness in shape and ornamentation that has prevailed. Those who have never gone into a chinasents. Let us advise them to take a turn at

Taylor's. L. WAGNER, Druggist, corner of Sixth tine jellies of the holidays. When one gets into Wagner's he will be astonished to see there displayed, when he expected little cine is necessary for the sick, of which let us hope there are few in these Christmas times. But we trust that Wagner will dispense his healing medicaments freely during

ANTILOTTI, 1511 Franklin street.-When we had a home Antilotti was always supplied with the best of butter and hams-i. e., Virginir-and in winter very fine venison; indeed, he had the best things that were public to call on him and try his excellent articles. He goes freely into Christmas supplies-liquors, wines, gelatine, citron, raisins, etc.; and teas, coffees, and sugars. Antilotti's may rely upon it, "you bet."

MORTON'S, 1101 West Main street.-Flow-Below we give a few more notices of the ers and an the appliance and fixtures that the certificate of its passage was written. stores distributed over the city for the pub- Christmas hall or table may be had at Mor- I signed it the moment I read it, and in Christmas hall or table may be had at Morskilled in adorning the hours of festivity. | quickly as possible. He promotes the innocent joys of life, and throws upon the graves of the dead the floral mementoes, the sweet and fragrant tributes of affection. To Christmas he is ever an important auxiliary and friend.

TOLER & HOOPER, adjoining Hollywood Cemetery. Another floral establishment of recent origin, showing that the public demand is growing in the line indicative of prosperity. Flowers afford most grateful pleasure in the extremes of joy and grief. They give to happy scenes the sweetest grace and to sorrow a gentle solace. Toler & Hooper offer their stocks and concomitants as auxiliary to the effect and beauty of festive scenes. See advertisement. LAIRD'S GARDEN, Grace street .- And now comes Laird, with his floral goods, to swell the means of adorning Christmas halls. We

invite attention to his advertisement. NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH. - Archbishop Gibbons has leased for ninety-nine years, for \$1,000 and a yearly rent of \$420, a lot on Monument street at the corner of Wash-\$2,000 an adjoining lot. On the combined by 240 feet on Washington street, a new Catholic church and parsonage will be erected soon. The leased lot, it is provided, can be bought in fee in 1883 for built to face on Monument street. Steps will be taken to build immediately a schoolhouse at the northern end of the lot facing until the finer structure is begun. A clergyman will be assigned immediately to forming a new parish in the thickly-popusupplies. They have goods of the finest lated neighborhood which the new church said to be also in contemplation to build a more Sun.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE REGULATIONS. - AS this is the season of the year when newspapers and periodicals are seeking to enlarge men is very creditable to Richmond, and we their list of subscribers, large numbers of hope to see the day when Richmond shall sample copies are deposited in the various have grown to a really great city, and this post-offices throughout the country, inclosed house will be one of the marble palaces of in which are printed blanks, prospectuses, Christmas goods, and presents are being such inclosures, without payment of postage as third-class matter, are contrary to law, printed blanks one cent per ounce, and for

MUSIC-HALL BLOCK AT BROCTON (MASS.) DAMAGED .- Boston, December 18 .- Yesterthe Music-Hall block at Brocton, Mass., as follows : M. C. Meade, millinery, \$10,000; sewing-machines, \$1,000; N. N. Garney, pants sustained loss by smoke and water.

RESULT OF A DRUNKEN CAROUSE .- Webster, Mass., December 18 .- As three men and a boy were driving to Groversdale on Sunday evening from Dudley, where they had been on a drunken carouse, they ran into an obstruction on the roadside and smashed the wagon. Henry Nickerson was instantly killed, and a man named Wabble fatally and the boy badly injured.

EXPLOSION OF A DONKEY-ENGINE-ONE MAN KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED. - New Orleans, December 18 .- The donkey-engine of the Lessie Taylor exploded at the wharf the boat were badly damaged. FIRE AT PADUCAH, KY .- Cincinnati, De-

on Saturday night last. Loss, \$20,000. The many friends of Senator R. E. with purchasers.

Also, a number of goods saved from the flood, which is a fine assortment of POCKET, which I will sell at greatly reduced to this Christmas. Nor is it an income of the purchasers of coise out the stock.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR AS TO HOW THE CANAL BILL WAS SIGNED .- Immediately after the bill giving the canal company the use of the convicts was passed it was obtained from the Keeper of the Rolls by Major Johnston, the energetic president of the company, and carried to the Governor, and by him approved, notwithstanding it had not been enrolled. This matter is now before the Senate for consideration on the report of a committee of investigation. The following letter is submitted, with a

number of others, with the report: EXECUTIVE MANSION, ? RICHMOND, December 17, 1877. John Bell Bigger, Esq.:

My Dear Sir,-Your unofficial and personal note of this date appeals to my courtesy for information touching the practice of the Executive in acting upon bills after their passage through the General Assem-

right of the General Assembly, and each of the honorable bodies composing it, to interrogate the Executive in respect to all official matters, I do not acknowledge that any less authority can subject this department to inquisition, or demand answers to questions relating to executive acts. Under the statute nothing less than a resolution of the Senate or the House of Delegates can open the executive journal and

While I very cheerfully recognize the

in producing elegant and exquisitely fash- the independence of the executive departioned manufactures. Mr. Taylor calls at- ment, and to preserve its coordinate and coequal relations with the other depart-Nevertheless. I have no difficulty in responding to your personal appeal. Having no cause or desire to conceal anything, it

gives me pleasure, unofficially, informally,

and without reserve, to comply with your courteous request. Your own recollection will sustain me in erm I must have approved scores of bills before their enrolment. The Constitution simply requires that bills which have passed be presented to the Governor; and being by the respective clerks thereof, it matters were left untouched. not in the least whether it is presented in readily in the one form as the other. I manufacturers and builders. have approved bills of general importance, A few days ago an unenrolled bill was pre-

change the time for holding a court, and to however, that a broken glass had been taken law required to be held very shortly. It his attention to the window. was important to give effect to the new law immediately, so as to prevent the unnecesess expense and inconvenience to the people of a county. When that bill was pre- most daring one. sented to me in its engrossed form I incline ers and all the appliance and fixtures that to think the ink was not dry with which ton's. Oh, yes, Morton strews flowers on doing so I acted in harmony with the legis- 515 west Grace street, went out to church, the very way to the grave. No less is he lative design to put it in operation as

But it is needless to multiply instances. It is well known that ever since the Consti- the room was enveloped in flames. Fortutution took effect it has been the practice of | nately a brick wall in the wing of the serthe Executive to act upon unenrolled bills when presented to him. The practice contravenes neither the Constitution nor any provisions of law, and the Legislature has equiesced in it, and at least tacitly approved and sanctioned it.

Very truly yours, JAMES L. KEMPER. The recommendation of the committee is that the law be so amended as to require all officers of the two houses, and then approved by the Governor.

persons from the gallows: In the cases of Louisa Lawson and Silas Morris (white), sentenced by the Court of Rockingham to be hanged for the murder

fact to a murder. The principal who per- gentlemen participated: Judge Minor, Cappetrated the crime has suffered the extreme | tain John S. Wise, Captain Charles H. Epps, penalty of the law. Amongst those cog- and Messrs. Thomas Saunders, Andrew nizant of the evidence against the prisoners Ford, William Frayser, and Andrew leading minds disagreed as to its weight Krouse, Mr. William Tell Mitchell was the and effect; and although they certainly held trapper. Out of nine birds, Captain Epps a guilty relation to the murder, after-dis- killed nine, and the others not so many. covered evidence suggests grave doubts as The party and the spectators enjoyed the to who were the controlling accessories and sport hugely. as to the degree of their several guilt.

The blood of the actual murderer having siderations which justify me in saving their wounded man was sent to the alms house.

The punishment of each of them is commuted to imprisonment in the penitentiary for life. This act of clemency is recommended by the judge, by many of the ju-rors who indicted and tried the prisoners, and by many hundred citizens of the Com-JAMES L. KEMPER. mon wealth.

THE JAMES RIVER AND KANAWHA CANAL kerson fixing the amount to be paid for the | 8 o'clock P. M. daily. maintenance of convicts at what it costs to maintain them in the penitentiary-to wit, 262 cents, or 27 in round numbers—was referred to the Committee on Roads. After much consideration that committee vesterday, through its chairman, General Lee, reperted back the resolution with an amendment, among others, that the amount shall not exceed 35 cents per head per day. This voted down and Mr. Phlegar's substitute adopted for it, which restored not only the compensation fixed originally by Mr. Fulkerson, but which compels the Governor to make a contract for that day a fire broke out in the lower story of amount and no more. A contract, it is stated, has already been made by the Govconfectioner, the dealer in sweets and owned by H. L. Bryant, damaging the fruits. Antoni, mark you, is a Roman, and building \$15,000 worth. The block was oc-The persistent efforts of Mr. Hurt of Pittsylvania in this matter realized substantial results yesterday.

A FORGER CAPTURED THROUGH THE AGEN-CY OF A RICHMOND DETECTIVE.-The Associated Press telegrams of yesterday morning brought the intelligence of the arrest of of Chapman, who was operating in St. ment. Mr. Abernethy, late of Richmond John's, N. B., and who claimed to be looking after escaped kuklux. The fellow's tone, "If Doubty Deeds My Lady Please," ight name is John H. Miller. He is a naright name is John H. Miller. He is a nabusiness. Having forged paper in that city interest. to the amount of \$15,000 he fled to Canada; subsequently he went to Boston, and under the name of Colonel Thomas precended to be practicing law. He there gained the affections of a rich widow, and was enthis afternoon. One deck-hand was killed trusted with much of her business, and Doctrine that Science is Inconsistent with and several were hurt. The upper works was getting along prosperously. Detective Religion." Technical terms will be avoida former citizen of Richmond, heard of ture will be free. Miller's whereabouts, and communicated cember 18 .- A number of business-houses with the Augusta authorities. It was on Broadway, Paducah, Ky., were burned finally determined that R. C. Bailie, of Au- strels, ever popular in Richmond, will be gusta, one of the swindled parties, should sure to attract large audiences. The comgo on and identify Miller, and carry the pany will give three entertainments in this proper papers for his arrest. Miller, hear- city this week-viz., Friday and Saturday ing of Baille's presence in Boston, went to nights and Saturday matinee.

which comes to Mr. Wren.

PERSONAL .- Among the visitors to the ! Tobacco Exchange yesterday were B. B. als. vs. The Commonwealth. From the Vaughan, Jr., Petersburg; John C. Thomp- Hustings Court of Manchester. Affirmed, son, General G. A. Canbue, General Schel- Judge Moncure delivering the opinion of fer, New York; G. T. Pace, Danville; J. the Court.

A. McCraw, Halifax; John A. Allen, John | Matthews vs. Warner's administrator. J. Allen, Dr. B. Burwell, Powhatan, and From the Circuit Court of Accomac county. Dr. J. J. Dupuy, Amherst. R. P. Barham, Esq., of the Petersburg opinion of the Court. Index-Appeal, and Major Robert H. Glass. Backhouse's execut. of the Petersburg Post, were in the city the Circuit Court of the county of Glou-

vesterday. Major N. C. Pamplin, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office at Norfolk, has been paying his old tion Court of the city of Alexandria. Refriends here a brief visit.

An effort, specially aimed at clerks of courts, treasurers, and sergeants of cities of over 15,000 inhabitants, and intended to reduce their fees and perquisites, without county of Elizabeth City. Reversed, Judge reference to a reduction general throughout the State, failed to receive the sanction of the House yesterday. Mr. Henry spoke against it and in favor of an investigation Affirmed, Judge Burks delivering the opinlooking to a fair and uniform decrease of State expenses.

Messrs. Walker of Northumberland, Echols, Ficklen, Smith of Albemarle, and | Court of Rockingham. Oglesby are the members on the part of the House of the joint committee to represent the General Assembly in the inauguration of Governor Holliday. The bill of Senator Hinton ordered to en-

grossment vesterday, and expected to mass thirty-five cases during its session here to-day, provides that the samplers under the since the 5th of November. There never tobacco law of last session shall be appointcause its contents to be disclosed. And I ed on the 1st of January instead of the 1st gently and honestly than our Court of Apam bound by the Constitution to maintain of October. P. G. S. Stewart, of Washington, D.

C.; P. G. M. Robinson, of Norfolk, Va.; and P. G. M. Courtney, of this city, visited Schiller Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F., last evening, and spent a pleasant evening.

A BOLD ROBBERY .- The cigar-store of George Schen, corner of Main and Eleventh streets, was entered on Tuesday night and robbed of between ten and eleven dollars in small currency and a few cigars. saying that in the course of my official The thief took down a wire screen which protected the Eleventh-street window, and then took a pane of glass from it, and was able to crawl in and take his choice of the the Senate and House of Delegates shall goods and valuables. But probably fearing that some passer-by would detect him, he so presented, it thereupon becomes his pro- grabbed the money in the drawer and hasvince to approve or disapprove them. If a tened out. There were \$200 worth of meerbill is certified as having passed the two chaum pipes and cigar-holders close at hand houses, either by the presiding officers or that might have been taken off easily, but

The wire screen was carried into the the form of an engrossed or an enrolled room over Mr. Schen's store, occupied in bill, and I act upon it as rightfully and as the day as a sort of rendezvous for brick

The robbery must have been committed them what is known as the between 10 and 11 o'clock, for a gentleman at their meeting held on Tuesday adjourned Moffett liquor-law, in their engrossed form. passing down Eleventh street between those hours remembers that he trod upon the sented to me, the object of which was to broken glass on the pavement. Supposing, dispense with a term which the preexisting out and a new one put in, he did not direct

Considering the hour, and that this store is on such a public thoroughfare as Main sary issuing of process, and so save need- street, and that a light is always left burning in it, the robbery may be well called a

> FIRE AT MR. CHRISTIAN'S RESIDENCE. - An evening or two ago one of Mr. George L. The candle burned down and set fire to the box and adjacent combustibles, and soon vants' quarters prevented the fire from spreading to the main building, and the loss was confined to about \$50. Insured in the Virginia Fire and Marine, City, and Richmond Fire Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS .- At a meeting of the Richmond Academy of Medicine held Tuesday evening, December 18, 1877, the acts to be enrolled and examined by the following officers were elected for the encommittee and signed by the presiding suing twelve months: Dr. O. A. Crenshaw, president; Dr. F. B. Watkins, first vicepresident: Dr. M. L. James, second vicepresident; Dr. H. H. Levy, third vice-presi-MRS. LAWSON AND SILAS MORRIS NOT TO dent; Dr. Charles S. Brittan, secretary; BE HANGED .- The following rescues two Dr. R. H. Cowan, assistant secretary; Dr. W. Augustus Lee, treasurer; Dr. E. T. Robinson, librarian.

PIGEON-SHOOTING .- There was an interesting shooting-match at the Fair-Grounds yes-The prisoners were accessories before the | terday afternoon, in which the following

COLORED MAN CUT.-Yesterday evening a answered for the blood of the murdered, difficulty occurred between Andrew Smith the majesty of the law has been vindicated. and Austin Mitchell (colored), which re-Discarding all the appeals of a morbid sen- sulted in Mitchell receiving several cuts on sibility—especially such as relate to the sex the head and about the left eye from a slungof one of the prisoners-nevertheless I shot in the hands of his adversary. Dr. yield to the palliating and mitigating con- Skelton was called in. Subsequently the

> THROUGH TRAVEL RESUMED OVER THE RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG ROAD SOUTH .-To-day double daily trains will run as heretofore over the Atlantic Coast line. Freights will also be received and rates guaranteed to all points south.

THE NIGHT TRAIN NORTH .- On Friday (to-morrow) the northward-bound night IN THE SENATE YESTERDAY.—The action of train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg the Senate yesterday in regard to the canal and Potomac railroad will resume its reguwas as follows: The resolution of Mr. Ful- lar schedule, leaving Byrd-Street station at

THE THEATRE-CYMBELINE.-There was last night an audience of fair size at the Theatre to witness the presentation of Cymbeline, a play new to most of our people. Miss Pomeroy, as Imogen, rendered her difficult part very well, but at times there was painful dragging, as all of the actors did not know their lines. The impression created was favorable as a whole, and at the conclusion of the piece Miss Pomeroy was called before the curtain and her effort endorsed by hearty applause. She has given great satisfaction here; has more than fulfilled public expectation, and done quite as well as her warmest friends claimed she would.

THE MOZART THIS EVENING. - A splendid programme will be presented this evening. The orchestra will play three pieces-a new overture, a serenade, and a waltz. Miss Swain, Mrs. Knowles, and Messrs. Redford and Grant will sing in duos, and Miss Swain will sing a solo from the Daughter of a bogus detective passing under the name the Regiment, with orchestral accompaninow of Danville, will sing a solo for baritive of Maryland, and for several years, and York, will by request sing "I Love My until December last, resided in Augusta, Love," by S. P. Warren; and altogether Ga., where he was engaged in the insurance this musicale promises to be one of unusual AN ATTRACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT .- The

students of Richmond College will throw open their public hall to-night for a lecture by C. S. Webb, B. Ph., M. D., on "The Forces of Nature, with Objections to the John Wren, through the instrumentality of ed, and the lecture made popular. The lec-

HAVERLEY'S MINSTRELS. - Haverley's Min-

Affirmed, Judge Christian delivering the

Backhouse's executrix vs. Selden. From

cester. Affirmed, Judge Anderson deliver-

McVeigh vs. Allen. From the Corpora-

versed, Judge Staples delivering the opin-

Booker's representative vs. Booker's rep-

The Court then adjourned until the 8th

day of January, 1878, having disposed of

was an organization that worked more dili-

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY .- Lewis Acree,

charged with opening a scaled letter and

stealing therefrom \$10, the property of

James Cuthing. The offence having been

committed in the county of Hanover he

was committed to jail until the county au-

Several cases of minor importance were

ORDINATION SERVICES .- Rev. Charles Ran-

dolph was ordained to the priesthood in St.

Paul's church yesterday morning by Right

Rev. F. M. Whittle, D. D. Mr. Randolph

has lately been in charge of the churches in

Matthews county, and is now assistant at

ANOTHER OVERCOAT-THIEF ARRESTED .-

Policeman E. P. Hulce yesterday arrested

thief and recovered an overcoat stolen in

THE CANAL COMPANY .- The stockholders

of the James River and Kanawha Company

Leslie's Lady's Magazine for January.

MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

Destruction of the City Dam .- Yesterday

bout noon the water was turned on at the

new city dam, between the Marshall mills

and the corn-mill. The work, which was

just completed, gave way, and was soon a

perfect wreck. It is expected that opera-

tions will be resumed to-day at the facto-

ries. The work on the dam was done by

contract by J. C. Netherwood, and had just

een finished, after some months' labor. It

terfere with the supply of water for the city

The Christmas Celebration .- The Bowl-

ng Green Club are making arrangements

pect to have over two hundred men in line

The regular meeting of the City Council

An Accommodation .- Now that the good

at work during all the fair weather this

I received the majority of premiums for my wor

over all competitors at the State Fairs of 1876 and

1877. I use no chemicals in the production of my

I have used Dr. GILES'S LINIMENT IODIDE OF

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veterinary surgeons have failed; it has cured lame ess and removed bunches. J. T. MOURIE;

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Plain Mixed Candy, 25c. per pound;

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Plain and Ornamental Pound-Cakes;

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Nouga! Baskets, Chartreuses:

Toys, Dolls, and Fancy Boxes,

Ice-Cream and Jelly, for Xmas:

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TUBEROSES at TOLER & HOOPER'S.

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ts, &c., in great profusion, at LAIRD's Garden, on

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Crystalized Bon-Bons, 50 and 75c. per pound;

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Another reason why we are derermined to close out the goods is we have rented of Franklin Stearns, Esq., the entire

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> FRENCH CANDIES, Bon-Bons, Kisses, and every kind of Candy, at Pizzini's. Thirty cents a pound for Malaga Grapes at Piz-

FLOWERS! FLOWERS! FLOWERS!-Camelias, Violets, Tuberoses, Rosebuds, Carnations, Heliotropes, Bouvardias, &c., &c., can be seen and had at is not supposed that this accident will in-

Now is the time to buy your Candles, Cakes, and good things at Pizzini's. for their Christmas celebration. They ex-BOUGUETS and Baskets at TOLER & HOOPER'S, corner Cherry and Albemarle streets, next to Holly-

ANTONI keeps pure confectioneries.

Personal .- Mr. George T. Mitchell, who MALAGA GRAPES at PIZZINI'S only 30 cents a was badly injured a few days since, is able pould, and in larger lots at less rates. Justice Lee Wells, of Dale district, was ANTONI'S is the headquarters. GO TO PIZZINI'S to-day and buy your Candles,

Cakes, &c. Events of the Week .- An adjourned session of the Hustings Court will be held to-WHITE MOUNTAIN, Blushing Pink, Spanish Bun, and Orange Cake, at BRIGGS'S. 707 Main and 611 Broad street. CALL EARLY and leave your Christmas orders

for flowers at TOLER & HOOPER'S.

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